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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/767,229  
Filing Date: January 29, 2004  
Inventor(s): Takuya MARUYAMA et al.  
Title: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**  
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**ELECTION**

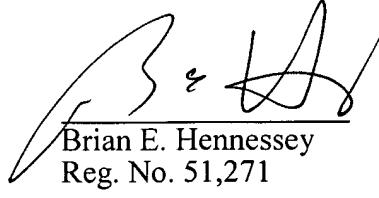
**SIR/MADAM:**

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2005, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after July 28, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-12 and 15.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing and/or divisional application directed to any unelected claims. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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